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IN REPLY REFER TO

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CLASS DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS INTERAGENCY ACQUISITIONS UNDER THE ECONOMY ACT

On the basis of the following findings and determinations hereby made pursuant to the authority of the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) the class of orders may be issued as described below. This class determination expires on 31 December 2001.

FINDINGS

1. The Department of the Navy, (those activities within the purview of the Librarian of the Navy), proposes to issue a class of interagency acquisitions for information products and services from the U.S. National Technical Information Service (NTIS) and the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). NTIS is the sales and distribution agent for non-U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) publications generated by federal and state agencies with a focus on reports submitted by DOD and its contractors to the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), a clearing house for DOD scientific and technical information products. NTIS provides distribution of *publicly releasable* documents, and DTIC handles distribution of DOD *scientific and technical* documents, *including classified and limited materials*. This action does not conflict with any other agency's authority or responsibility. The value of the requirement is approximately \$3M annually and expires on 31 December 2001.

2. Legal authority for this acquisition otherwise exists.

3. Consistent with FAR 6.002, this action is not being entered into with another agency for the purpose of avoiding competition.

4. This action is in the best interest of the Government because:

a. Information products, publications, or services cannot be provided as conveniently and cheaply by contracting directly with a private source. NTIS and DTIC serve as secondary distribution agents for Government documents. NTIS provides distribution of publicly releasable documents, and DTIC handles distribution of DOD technical documents, including classified and limited materials. No contracting action is required. Any private contractor would have to obtain the documents from one of these agencies and would add on an additional charge without providing any additional value. For classified and limited documents, DTIC also requires pre-certification of security clearance, storage facilities and need-to-know of the requester before releasing any document.

b. The serving agency has unique expertise or ability not available within DOD. By interagency agreement, NTIS handles all billing for DTIC which is the repository of all the described documents.

c. The distribution of Government information products and maintenance of deposit account services clearly are within the scope of activities of the servicing agency.

5. NTIS is a FAR agency.

6. Discussions have been held between Dr. Rahman Kahn, Office of Business Development, NTIS (703-487-4824); Ms. Betsy Fox, Director of Administration and Resource Management, DTIC (703-767-9202) and Joan L. Buntzen, Librarian of the Navy (202-433-4211), and the servicing agencies advised that they will comply with all applicable laws and regulations and can perform all contract administration.

DETERMINATIONS

Based upon the information provided above:

1. The ordered products or services cannot be provided as conveniently and cheaply by contracting directly with a private source.
2. The servicing agency has unique expertise or ability not available within DoD.
3. The products and services clearly are within the scope of activities of the servicing agency.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of the Government to acquire these supplies/services by interagency agreement under the Economy Act.

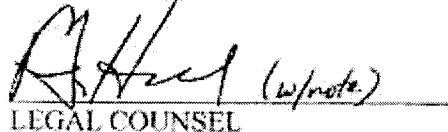

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